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Subject:

Re: Intro to Argon Group / Discussion Materials Attachments: Kik Argon Discussion Materials 041317.pdf

Peter.

Wednesday afternoon works. Please let me know a time that's convenient. Per William's note, we are ok to sign an NDA prior to the discussion.

Ahead of the conversation, please also find attached a short overview of the Group and the ICO / Token crowdsale process overall.

Kind regards,

Stan Miroshnik Managing Director The Argon Group

On Thu, Apr 13, 2017 at 10:53 AM, Peter Heinke <peter@kik.com> wrote:

Hey Guys,

I have to postpone the call this afternoon. I have had some issues come up that need to be dealt with this afternoon. Can we touch base next week. Wednesday afternoon works for me at this point,

Thanks Peter

From: William Mougayar [mailto

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 11:20 AM

To: Peter Heinke

Cc: Stan Miroshnik; Alina Alina; Ted Livingston

Subject: Re: Intro to Argon Group

i'm good in the afternoon in case you'd like to proceed today.

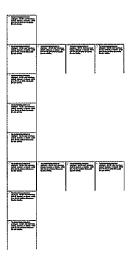
On Thu, Apr 13, 2017 at 11:13 AM, Peter Heinke <peter@kik.com> wrote:

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Hi Stan,
Nice to meet you.
I have a call at $1:30$ for an hour but otherwise fee this afternoon.

Peter

Thanks Peter





Argon Introduction and ICO Process Overview

April 2017

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- First Digital Investment Bank
- Unique product, the right people
- · Only industry platform
- · Nascent market
- \$280MM in issuance in 2016
- Research suggest the ICO market goes to \$1Bn+ by 2020, based on equity crowdfunding volumes and trends

Argon Group – The First Digital Finance Investment Bank

Argon Asset Management

- Institutional products
- Indexes
- Funds
- PWM

Argon Equity Research

- · ICO coverage / rating
- Technical verification
- Paid research
- Hedge Fund Support
- Assurance

Argon Capital Advisors

- Structure ICO
- Manage Process
- · Corp Fin
- Prospectus
- Legal



Argon Trust Company

- Manage payment to token-holders from issuers
- Escrow funds
- Wallets and trustee services

Argon Solutions & TokenHub

- · Design and build tokens
- Offering platform
- · Security / Authentication

Argon Trading

- Trade support for ICO
- Greenshoe
- Repurchase and token management

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Team expertise:

Morgan Stanley

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Strategic Partners:



Argon Group – Management Team

Top Tier Banking, Legal, and Tech

Name	Position	Professional Background
Alexey Bulavin	Chairman	 Successful entrepreneur, investor and executive; founder and CEO of a financial services business valued at \$800MM with over 3MM retail clients Morgan Stanley UC Berkeley and Australian Business School
Stan Miroshnik	CEO	 Senior corporate finance executive with 15 years of experience Former Morgan Stanley, Rosemount Consulting Partners UC Berkeley and MIT
Emma Channing	General Counsel	 General counsel with more than 15 years of experience both in-house and at top level law firms Simpson Thacher and Skadden Stanford Law School and Durham Law School
Denis Livingston	Controller	 Finance executive with 15 years of CFO and Corporate Controller experience Ernst & Young MIT
Marina Titova	VP Corporate Finance	 Finance and capital markets professional with experience from leading investment banks Morgan Stanley and Nomura CFA charterholder
Irina Demina	VP Corporate Development	Finance and corporate development professional with entrepreneurial experience Morgan Stanley London Business School and UCLA
Konstantin Antropov	VP Operations	Portfolio manager with over 10 years of trading experience Cryptocurrency trader and analyst Stockholm School of Economics
Marina Khaustova	VP Product	 Business and platform developer in 5 successful online projects Co-founder of SeoPult CEO of Click.ru media advertising agency and UnMedia internet marketing agency
Dmitry Khovratovich	Lead Developer - Security and Analytics	 Blockchain analyst and security and cryptoanalysis professional Researcher at Microsoft Cryptography Group and at the University of Luxembourg PhD in cryptoanalysis from University of Luxembourg

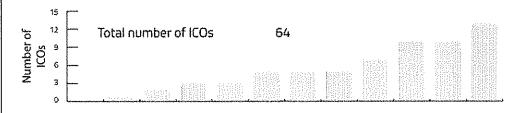


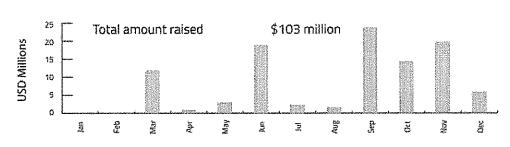
- Recent ICOs raised record amounts: SingularDTV -\$7.7m in 17 minutes, Golem -\$8.5m in 19 minutes
- Argon raised \$10MM tokenized venture funds, fully subscribed prior to offering start
- Companies have achieved substantial market caps in recent ICOs – Lykke at \$64m, AntShares at \$40m
- Meaningful trading volumes for popular ICOs, in line with small-cap stocks, e.g. Factom trading \$0.5m a day, ICONOMI \$0.2m a day

A Brand New Capital Market

Recent ICOs Volume is Growing Rapidly – The Regulators Will Notice

Major ICOs in 2016 Number and amount raised by month





Source Smith & Crown, excludes the DAO, sales that raised less than \$30,000 and sales that resulted in full investor refund

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- While the market has been quieter in December-January, there a significant pipeline building for Q1-Q2
- Most recent successful ICOs include Melonport, Dfinity and Santiment which manage to complete their fundraisings within 24 hours
- Expectation for a strong growth of ICO market in 2017, e.g. William Mouguyar at EDCON:
- 80% of ICOs on Ethereum
- 34 ICOs in 1st half of 1st quarter
- Pace of ICOs accelerating
- 300 ICOs raising \$600m in 2017
- Billions of tokens
- ETH valued at \$5-10bn

ICO Market Update

Priced in 2017				
Project	Start date	End date	Amount raised, \$m	Description
WINGS	18-Nov-15	06-jan-17	1.8	Decentralised Forecasting Platform for DAOs
Dfinity	13-Feb-17	13-Feb-17	3.8	Decentralized Cloud Computing Network
Santiment	13-Feb-17	13-Feb-17	0.1	Crypto-Market Intelligence Platform
Chronobank	15-Dec-16	14-Feb-17	5,5	Recruitment on the Blockchain
Melonport	15-Feb-17	15-Feb-17	2.9	Hedge Fund Management Platform
Lykke	09-Feb-17	28-Feb-17	2.0	Cryptocurrency Exchange
Augmentors	31-Jan-17	28-Feb-17	1.0	Augmented Reality Creature Battle Game
Respectonomy	06-Feb-17	04-Mar-17	2.0	Decentralized Social Network
Edgeless	28-Feb-17	21-Mar-17	2.5	Decentralized Casino on Ethereum
Qtum	16-Mar-17	21-Mar-17	15.4	Value Transfer Protocol DAPP Platform
Total			37.0	

Ongoing				
Project	Start date	End date	Amount targeted, \$m	Description
Chain of Points	19-Feb-17	29-Mar-17	5.4	Platform for Creation of Customer Rewards
Equibit	01-Feb-17	01-Apr-17	1.6	P2P Electronic Equity System
WeTrust	01-Mar-17	14-Apr-17	7.2	Platform for Trusted Lending Circles
The Legends Room	24-Feb-17	15-Apr-17	15.0	Gentlemen's Club in Las Vegas
Peerplays	26-Feb-17	15-May-17	5.0	Decentralized Gaming Platform
Total	***************************************	***************************************	34.2	

Upcoming				
Project	Start date	End date	Amount targeted, \$m	Description
Matchpool	25-Mar-17	22-Apr-17	5.0	Decentralized Dating Protocol
SuperDAO	27-Mar-17	24-Apr-17	n/a	Decentralized Governance System for DApp Ventures
Lunyr	29-Mar-17	26-Apr-17	n/a	Decentralized Encyclopedia
Humaniq	06-Apr-17	27-Apr-17	n/a	Banking for the Unbanked
TaaS	27-Mar-17	27-Apr-17	101.0	Closed-End Fund
Cosmos	31-Mar-17	28-Apr-17	n/a	A Network of Distributed Ledgers
Blockchain Capital	10-Apr-17	10-May-17	10.0	Digital Liquid Venture Fund
Aeternity	31-Mar-17	15-May-17	n/a	Smart Contracts Platform
Adelphoi	01-May-17	29-May-17	n/a	DAO Investing in Blockchain Projects
Internet of Coins	21-Mar-17	21-Jun-17	n/a	Decentralized Inclusive Cryptocurrency Ecosystem
Total			116.0	**************************************

Source: media, company websites

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- Offering size increasing as appetite and awareness grow
- Offerings structures starting to get more sophisticated
- Digitization of asset from Gold to Insurance to Video Games – many more to follow: equity, debt, commodities, mass-owned goods
- Deep markets for popular issues
- Large community of active traders

ICO Is An Emerging Alternative Funding Source

ICO vs. Other Types of Financing

	Public offering	Private offering	Crowdfunding	Tokens
Global investor base	V V	✓	√√√ I	/ / /
Transaction size	111	V V V	√ I	√√
Access for retail investors	✓	×	√ √ √ I	444
Fast execution	*	*	√√√ I	111
Low deal fees	*	*	√√√ I	444
Low regulatory burden	*	*	√ √ I	111
Secondary liquidity / transferability	/ / /	√	* I	V V
Low trading / transaction fees	V V	✓	× [V V V
Dividends	V V V	✓	× I	V V
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Source Argon Group Analysis

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 Tokens sold in ICOs are usually structured as either user tokens or equity tokens

ICO Structuring Considerations

User Token

- User tokens, or 'appcoins', are a form of digital currency needed to access the service/ product provided by the company
- ✓ No dilution for the existing shareholders
- ☐ Adds hurdles for adoption as users will have to buy tokens to transact

Equity Token

- Similar to traditional equity shares, these tokens entitle holders to "dividends" in the form of revenue sharing
- ☑ No requirement to guarantee a certain level of dividend stream – investors are growth rather than income-oriented
- ☐ Dilution to existing shareholders

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- Execution is key, both on operational side and during ICO marketing
- Industry is full of fraud and bad actors – several ICO organisers simply disappeared after raising money. Key to defeat the image

ICO Offering Structure

Feature	Description	Investment appeal	Feature of Past ICOs?
Pre-announcement	 Issuers usually announce intention to conduct an ICO 2-4 weeks prior to books opening to generate initial interest PR campaign is launched in advance of pre-announcement to generate strong media following around the upcoming ICO Order books are typically opened for approximately one month 		
Voting Rights	 Ability of token holders to vote on certain matters, e.g. strategy, choice of service providers Limited focus from ICO investors as they are mostly focused on economic benefits on the investment 		G
Limit on offering size	 Limit on offering size in terms of \$m raise or number of tokens allows to create scarcity value (e.g. in case of First Blood, Singular DTV fundraising took less than an hour) 	0	0
Discount for early participation	Important incentive for early investors which also allows to generate momentum in the order book – critical for ICO success		(1)
Cornerstone order	Target a large order that would come as soon as the book opens, for example a Chinese exchange that would buy a significant stake to sell to its users		•
Multi-signature escrow	It is a market practice for reliable ICOs to collect funds using a wallet that would have 3 keys, 2 of which belong to independent third parties well-known in the blockchain community		0
Automatic refund	 Provision for an automatic refund of all orders if the ICO failed to gather a set minimum of funds 		

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 The media, PR, and awareness runway needs to be pretty long to build up support on the "retail" side

ICO Documentation and Key Disclosure

Key Offering Documents	
Whitepaper / Offering Memorandum	 Standard offering memorandum which would include appropriate disclaimers and offer restrictions information as well as industry and business overview
Press-releases and PR coverage in Tier 1 Media	Official press releases by the company at the time of ICO pre- announcement, bookbuilding launch, pricing and start of trading with ICO details and timing as well as links to the offering documentation
Management presentation	Company presentation covering investment highlights, financials, offering structure. Accessible via Netroadshow (no downloads)
Bitcointalk, Telegram, Reddit, Blog announcement	ICO announcement in the Bitcointalk forum which usually includes information on the projects, ICO structure and timing, and information on how to invest
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Chinese Media	Niche coverage in the Chinese crypto market and platforms, direct reach out to Tier 1 and FinTech, local road show
Ask me anything	Live video calls with management where investors can ask questions on the company



- SingularDTV raised \$7.7m in record 17 minutes despite effectively an illegal offering structure
- In the offering terms the issuer stated that all the responsibility for compliance with applicable laws resides with ICO investors. This, however, in no way relieves the company from the responsibility to comply with securities laws globally

SingularDTV ICO Case Study \$7.7m raised in 17 minutes despite an illegal offering structure



ICO Summary

Business	"A Blockchain Entertainment Studio, Smart Contract Rights Management Platform and Video On-Demand Portal"
Management	US-based management with experience in media and finance
Legal structure	Swiss operating company Smart contracts executed in Guernsey Under Swiss law
Currency accepted	Ethereum only
Shareholding structure post ICO	50% free float 10% founders directly 40% to remain in escrow for future development (in the event of an exit also goes to founders)
Timeline	Announcement: 23 July 2016 Book opened: 2 October 2016
% performance since ICO	-30%
Average daily trading volume	c.\$5k

Source Company announcements

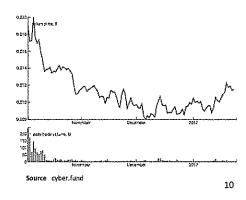
ICO Terms Extract Zero compliance with security laws globally

"User understands that the creation of SNGLS is not intended in any way to involve the purchase of shares or any equivalent in any existing or future public or private company, corporation or other entity in any jurisdiction"

"This contract does not constitute a prospectus of any sort, is not a solicitation for investment and does not pertain in any way to an offering of securities in any jurisdiction. This contract is not made in accordance with, or subject to, laws or regulations of any jurisdiction that are designed to protect investors "

Source SingularDTV ICO terms

Aftermarket Performance



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- While Fig/Wasteland 3 raised more slowly than other ICOs, it was a demonstration of the enthusiasm for such raises even when a compliant structure is used
- We would not however recommend only accepting USD, as this cuts you off from the pool of liquidity in Bitcoin and Ethereum

Fig — Wasteland 3 ICO Case Study \$3.1m of \$2.75m goal raised in 6 days



ICO	Summar
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Business	"Wasteland 3 will be a party- based roleplaying game with an emphasis on deep reactivity, replayability, and strategic combat"	
Management	US-based management with experience in game design and crowdfunding	
Legal structure	US issuing entity Regulation D offer to Accredited Investors Planned crowdfunding but never accessed due to oversubscription	
Currency accepted	USD only	
Shareholding structure post ICO	No shareholding – just entitlement to sales receipts after Fig hits targets	
Timeline	Announcement: 19 September 2016 Book opened: 6 October 2016	
% performance since ICO	N/A (doesn't trade)	
Average daily trading volume	N/A (doesn't trade)	

ICO Terms Extract

"Fig Publishing, Inc., a Delaware corporation doing business as "Fig" (the "Managing Member" or "Fig"), is furnishing this confidential private offering memorandum (this "Memorandum") in connection with a private offering (the "Offering") of limited liability company interests in Fig WL3, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and subsidiary of Fig (the "Company"), which interests are represented by units (the "Units"), in reliance upon Rule 506(c) of Regulation D of the Securities Act. The Units are designed to reflect the economic performance of a video game license agreement Fig has entered into with the Developer (as defined below), which contains rights to receive a revenue share of the game Wasteland 3 (the "Game") that are being assigned to the Company and described below (the "License Agreement"). If and when the Game is developed and published, Unit holders will be able to receive distributions pursuant to the Company's limited liability company operating agreement (attached as Exhibit A) based on the revenue the Company receives from the sales of the Game"

Source Wasteland 3 (CO terms

Source Company announcements

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Additional potential marketing components:

- Announce anchor investors
- Announce major technological partners
- Ground game

Marketing Plan Components – Driving Retail Momentum

Online Audience

- Adwords
- Facebook
- · Banners on forums
- · Rich media
- Mobile ads

Forum / Chat

- Bitcointalk
- Reddit
- Telegram
- Slack
- AMA
- Telegram
- WeChat

PR

- · Agency retained
- · Copy development
- · Press releases
- TV / interview
- · Offering vs brand
- Niche vs mainstream

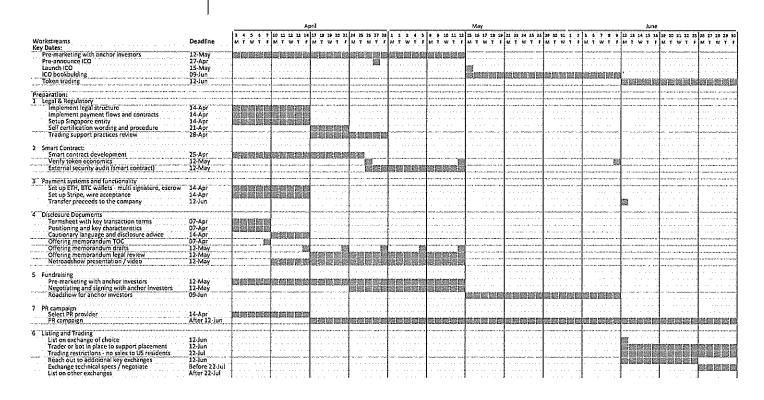
Other

- · Bounty campaign
- · Blog on offering platform
- Landing page
- General Solicitation approach

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Indicative ICO Timeline



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- Need a strong ground game -Major blockchain events are an excellent way to promote the ICO
- Need mechanism to set-up one-on-ones and engage directly

Blockchain Events

Date	Conference	Location
March 28, 2017	The Blockchain Summit 2017	London, UK
April 6, 2017	BlockShow Europe 2017	Munich, Alte Kongresshalle
April 10, 2017	2017 Blockchain Technology and Digital Currency National Institute	New York, NY
Aprīl 19-20, 2017	Bitcoin & Ethereum Development Conference	Birmingham, United Kingdom
May 3-5, 2017	The 2nd Distributed Ledger Technology Conference	New York, NY
May 16-18, 2017	Blockchain360 at the world's largest IoT Event, IoT World 2017	Santa Clara, CA
May 22-24, 2017	Consensus 2017	New York, NY
May 22, 2017	CoinCenter Annual Dinner	New York, NY
May 24-25, 2017	Token Summit	New York, NY
May 25, 2017	Coinsbank Blockchain Cruise	New York, NY
June 26-28, 2017	Money 20/20 Europe	Copenhagen, Denmark
June 29, 2017	Blockchain Show: Transforming the Way the World Transacts	London, UK
July 6-7, 2017	Cryptofinancing (ICO-focussed)	London, UK
July 7-14, 2017	London Fintech Week	London, UK

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- The Argon Group provides a wide array of world-class strategic investment banking and financial advisory services to our clients in this new emerging and exciting space
- Digital finance exists in a complex grey nexus of US and international securities laws, KYC and AML requirements, and represents a unique new piece of the capital structure stack that requires unique and considerable expertise
- Issuers should not be forced to become experts in law and finance, but should focus on their core business and growth – and we will take care of the fundraising

Summary of Argon Group Advisory Services

- · Initial Coin / Token Offering advisory
 - Disclosure drafting (whitepaper / prospectus), development, and distribution
 - Development of marketing materials, roadshow, financial models and the equity story
 - Smart contract development, testing and implementation
 - Risk Management, KYC, AML and compliance guidance
 - Placement platform, funds collection, asset distribution, and escrow services
 - Ability to act as issuer on your behalf and balance sheet your digital assets
 - Investor outreach, public relations, and placement
 - Private capital raising from accredited investors standalone or ICO concurrent
- Aftermarket support
 - Trading analysis and support
 - Smart contract administration
 - Liquidity solutions and risk management
- · Strategic and capital structure advisory

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